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SUBJECT: RULES OR ORIGIN - EC/ EFTA NON- APPLICANTS: - INTERIM
REPORT

REF: (A) STATE 58443; (B) BONN 4798 (NOTAL)

1. IN ACCORD WITH REF. B, WE SHALL REPORT DIRECT TO DEPARTMENT
RESULTS OF OUR SURVEY. THIS IS AN INTERIM REPORT.

2. WE HAVE CONTACTED 41 FIRMS BY LETTER (DESCRIBING USG INTEREST
IN THE ISSUE AND ENCLOSING GERMAN- LANGUAGE QUESTIONNAIRE) AND
21 BY PERSONAL VISIT OR TELEPHONE CALL (WE HAVE NO TELEX).

3. OF FIRMS WHICH HAVE REPLIED SO FAR, 14 HAD NEVER HEARD
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OF R/ O. EIGHT FIRMS HAD HEARD OF R/ O BUT EITHER HAD NOT YET FOCUSED ON EFFECTS OF R/ O ON THEIR OPERATIONS OR WERE STILL IN PROCESS OF APPRAISING EFFECTS. SEVERAL HAVE PROMISED TO GIVE US THEIR COMMENTS THIS WEEK OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS FORMULATED.

4. THE ONLY SPECIFIC REPLY RECEIVED FROM AN AFFECTED FIRM, A MANUFACTURER OF ELECTRICAL CONTROL AND MEASURING INSTRUMENTS, STATE THAT IT PROCURES IN THE US CERTAIN ELECTRONIC PARTS NOT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE IN SIMILAR TYPE AND QUALITY; THAT IT EXPORTS RELATIVELY LITTLE TO FTA COUNTRIES; AND THAT IT IS NOT AT THIS TIME CONCERNED WITH EFFECTS OF R/ O.

5. WE HOPE TO OBTAIN MORE EXTENSIVE RESPONSES FROM LARGER FIRMS SUCH AS BAYER AG (WITH VOLUME OF ACTIVITY LARGE ENOUGH TO MAKE R/ O OF MORE CONCERN AND WITH STAFFS SUFFICIENTLY SPECIALIZED TO HAVE GIVEN THE MATTER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION) AND FROM SOME US AFFILIATES. (DUPONT REFERRED OUR INQUIRY TO DUPONT INTERNATIONAL, GENEVA, AS REPORTED IN DUESSELDORF 477 AND GENEVA 1888 - (NOTAL).

6. IN VIEW OF TREND INDICATING WIDESPREAD LACK OF FAMILIARITY BY FRG FIRMS WITH R/ O, WE PLAN TO APPROACH ADDITIONAL FIRMS IN ORDER TO INCREASE OUR CHANCES OF SECURING AT LEAST A FEW DETAILED RESPONSES FROM AFFECTED FIRMS. HUFFMAN

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